

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (currently amended) The structure of claim 3, A roll structure having a fiber-containing roll cover over a mandrel, which roll structure has at least one end assembly comprising:
an end plate pressed against said fiber-containing roll cover, wherein said end plate is an at least substantially circular end plate having a flat major face pressed against an end face of said fiber-containing roll cover;
a compression element spaced apart from said roll cover by said end plate and abutting against said end plate;
shaft spaced apart from said roll cover on a side of said end plate opposite said roll cover; and
elongated compression means at least substantially housed within said shaft which compression means exerts pressure against said compression element, wherein said compression element has an indentation in a face opposite the face pressed against said end plate and said elongated compression means engages said compression element in said indentation.

5. (currently amended) A roll structure having a fiber-containing roll cover over a mandrel, which roll structure has at least one end assembly comprising:

an end plate pressed against said fiber-containing roll cover, wherein said end plate is an at least substantially circular end plate having a flat major face pressed against an end face of said fiber-containing roll cover;
a compression element spaced apart from said roll cover by said end plate and abutting against said end plate;

shaft spaced apart from said roll cover on a side of said end plate opposite said roll cover;

elongated compression means at least substantially housed within said shaft which compression means exerts pressure against said compression element. ~~The structure of claim 4,~~ wherein said compression element is a pin and has an indentation in a face opposite the face pressed against said end plate, said indentation is being a slot in said pin, and said elongated compression means has a tapered end engaging said slot and engages said compression element in said indentation.

6. (currently amended) A roll structure having a fiber-containing roll cover over a mandrel, which roll structure has at least one end assembly comprising:

an end plate pressed against said fiber-containing roll cover, wherein said end plate is an at least substantially circular end plate having a flat major face pressed against an end face of said fiber-containing roll cover;
a compression element spaced apart from said roll cover by said end plate and abutting against said end plate;

shaft spaced apart from said roll cover on a side of said end plate opposite said roll cover;

elongated compression means at least substantially housed within said shaft which compression means exerts pressure against said compression element. ~~The structure of claim 4,~~ wherein said compression element is a pin and has an indentation in a face opposite the face pressed against said end plate, said indentation being ~~is~~ a socket and said compression means has a ball engaging said socket.

7. (currently amended) A roll structure having a fiber-containing roll cover over a mandrel, which roll structure has at least one end assembly comprising:
an end plate pressed against said fiber-containing roll cover, wherein said end plate is an at least substantially circular end plate having a flat major face pressed against an end face of said fiber-containing roll cover;
a compression element spaced apart from said roll cover by said end plate and abutting against said end plate;
shaft spaced apart from said roll cover on a side of said end plate opposite said roll cover;
elongated compression means at least substantially housed within said shaft which compression means exerts pressure against said compression element ~~The structure of claim 4,~~ wherein said compression element is a pin and has an indentation in a face opposite the face pressed against said end plate and said is a pin is positioned within a slot of said roller end assembly.

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (withdrawn).. The method of compressing the cover of a fiber-containing roll cover having a roll end assembly including an end plate in contact with said fiber-containing roll cover, which method comprises:

- (a) establishing a shaft spaced outwardly away from said roll cover along the axis of said roll;
- (b) providing compression means associated with said shaft;
- (c) providing a compression element between said end plate and said compression means; and
- (d) engaging said compression means with said compression element, while engaging said compression element with said end plate, whereby compressive force from said compression means is transmitted through said compression element and said end plate to said fiber cover.

14. (withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein there is established a shaft having an internally threaded bore hole and said compression means comprises an externally threaded rod with the threads of said rod engaging the threads of said bore hole.

15. (withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein there is provided an indented pin compression element and said rod has a tapered end engaging said indentation.

16. (withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein there is provided a compression element having a socket and said rod has a ball shaped end engaged in said socket.

17. (withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein said compression means comprises (a) an elongated rod, (b) a first plate disposed at an end of said rod opposite an external end of said rod, (c) a plurality of springs, and (d) a second plate abutting said compression element.

18. (cancelled)

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